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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Art Unit: 1647
OKAMURA et al)
Appln. No.: 09/050,249) Examiner: D. Fitzgerald
Filed: March 30, 1998) Washington, D.C.
For: IFN-GAMMA PRODUCTION) September 25, 2000
INDUCING PROTEIN-AND-MONO-) Atty. Docket: OKAMURA=2B
CLONAL ANTIBODY OF THE SAME)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merit, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 56 and 59-92 without prejudice
and add new claims 93-117 in place thereof as follows:

--93. A monoclonal antibody which specifically
recognizes an interferon-gamma (IFN- γ) inducing protein (IGIF
or IL-18) having the following physiochemical properties and
which can recover said interferon-gamma (IFN- γ) inducing
protein with a purity of at least 95% and in a yield of nearly
100% when used to purify said interferon-gamma (IFN- γ)
inducing protein:
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